

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated January 6, 2005. Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 9 to more clearly point out the present inventive concept. Claims 10 - 27 have been added. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 8 were objected to under 35 U.S.C. §112 as the Examiner indicated that in Line Number 9, Claim 1 recited the limitation "the network instructional code." However, the actual language referred to the "intermediate node on the network" and "instructional code" as two separate items. A comma has been inserted between the word "network" and "instructional" to show that the word "network" belongs with the term "intermediate node." As such, this ambiguity is believed to have been cleared up. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection with respect to Claims 1 and 8.

Applicants note the personal interview granted by the Examiner for the purpose of reviewing the Claims. Amendments have been made to the Claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions and, therefore, the rejections of Claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) in view of *Hudetz* is now believed overcome, and the withdrawal of such rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims 10 - 27 have been added to more clearly define the invention. No new matter is believed to have been added. These new claims parallel the current Claims 1 - 9.

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Applicants have now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/PHLY-24,747 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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